Implementation of PMGSY in Kerala

1381. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana works being implemented in the State of Kerala;

(b) the total amount sanctioned in this regard and the total amount spent;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for relaxing the norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The status of Pradan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) works being undertaken in the State are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). So far proposal for Rs. 492.32 crore have been cleared and Rs. 136.97 crore have been released and Rs. 136.14 crores have been spent by the State upto January, 2008.

(c) Yes, Sir. The State Government has suggested relaxation of norms with regard to permissible road width and gradient.

(d) Government of Kerala has been intimated that the roadway width of six metres can be permitted when there are constraints on availability of land and the projected traffic is less than 100 motorozed vechicles per day. As regards gradient, exceptional gradient has been permitted upto 10% for rural road as per the recent recommendation of an Expert Committee constituted by Ministry of Rural Development. However, this exceptional gradient should be limited to 100 metres at a stretch and should be used sparingly. In ghat sections, the recommended limiting gradient is 7% and the exceptional gradient remains at 10%.

Statement

Phase-wise Status of PMGSY in Kerala

(Rs. In crore, Length in Km.)

Phase	Value of proposals cleared	Amount Released (upto 28.02.2008)	No. of road works	Length of road works	No. of road works completed (upto Jan '08)	Length of road works completed (upto Jan '08	% completed road works (upto Jan '08)	% Length Completed (upto Jan '08)	Exp upto Jan 08)	% Exp. to Amount released (upto Jan '08)
I	19.90	19.90	33	113.25	29	81.61	87.88%	72.06%	16.63	83.57%
II	56.48	56.30	178	282.44	162	259.51	91.01%	91.88%	52.61	93.45%
III	20.54	20.77	52	97.96	33	62.92	63.46%	64.23%	16.70	80.40%
IV	52.76	25.00	96	179.47	32	57.78	33.33%	32.19%	28.63	114.52%
V	48.43	15.00	84	163.92	0	0.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.00	53.33%
VI	294.21	NIL	322	733.27	0	0.00	0.00%	0.00%	13.57	NIL
TOTAL:	492.32	136.97	765	1570.31	256	461.82	33.46%	29.41%	136.14	99.39%

Sanctioning of more funds under NREGS to Orissa

1382. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has reported the progress of NREGS working in

178 Panchayats out of 382 in Mayurbhanj district of Orissa to the Centre during the month of January, 2008 and funds insufficiency in working out the same scheme in this and other panchayats in this district and whether the scheme is also slowly being carried out in other backward districts of Orissa like Rayagada, Banda, Nuapada and Malkangiri due to lack of funds;

(b) whether this Ministry has any plan to sanction more funds to these districts in this session; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) NREGA is demand based Funds are released to a district on receipt of a proposal along with certificates showing at least 60% utilisation of the available resources. Funds released to Mayurbhanj district, Rayagada district, Nuapada district and Malkangiri district of Orissa during the current year, so far, are given below. There is no NREGA district in Orissa by the name "Banda".

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Fund released during 2007-08 (Rs. In lakhs)
1.	Mayurbhanj	1468.00
2.	Rayagadh	3491.00
3.	Nuapada	3670.11
4.	Malkangiri	3033.30

Shortage of staff for implementing in NREGP

1383. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the report of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) that there is a shortage of administrative and technical staff for implementing National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP);

(b) if so, the details including number of above staff working and number of deficiency of staff for full extension of NREGP on 100 days of employment, State-wise, category-wise as on today;

(c) if so, the steps taken to rectify the deficiency; and

(d) the details of steps taken if any, to examine improvement if any in basic consumption of poor, reduction of distress mitigation and increase in wages in areas where NREGP was successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) CAG has undertaken performance audit of the implementation of NREGA in 68 phase I districts for the year 2006-07 on a request made by the Ministry. CAG submitted its draft report on 17.12.2007 to the Ministry. There are findings in the draft report which relate to shortage of staff with the impelenting agencies. States have sent their responses on these observations indicating the factual status. These have been sent to CAG who is in the process of finalizing the report.